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SUBJECT:EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR US HELP IN PURCHASING

FERTILIZER

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

IN YOUR NEXT CONVERSATION WITH FAHMY YOU CAN ASSURE HIM THAT WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO SEE WHETHER WE CAN ARRANGE FOR U.S. FERTILIZER SALES TO EGYPT. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND OTHERS AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING CONCRETE AS YET, BUT OUR EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING. FAHMY, WE KNOW, IS KEENLY AWARE OF THE WORLD SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS WHICH, COUPLED WITH THE INCREASED DEMAND IN THE UNITED STATES, HAS INTRODUCED DIFFICULTIES WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE OVERCOME BEFORE ANY EGYPTIAN PURCHASES CAN BE MADE. AT THIS POINT, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER WE CAN COME UP WITH ANYTHING AT ALL. YOU CAN STRESS TO FAHMY THAT THE SECRETARY IS FULLY AWARE OF EGYPTIAN NEED FOR FERTILIZER AND THAT WE WILL DO EVERYTHING HE CAN TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING. KISSINGER

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